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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter.

Claims:

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1. (Currently Amended) A support attachment for mounting work implements on a ladder, the ladder including a pair of upwardly extending substantially parallel side rails spaced from each other and steps extending horizontally between said side rails to enable a person to climb the ladder, said side rails having opposed front and rear surfaces, said support attachment comprising:

a pair of parallel spacer arms for extending across and non-rotatably resting on the step of the ladder;

a side rail engaging means extending from said pair of parallel spacer arms for engaging the rear surface of the side rails of the ladder above the step engaged by said step engaging means;

a support structure for supporting work implements, said support structure extending from said pair of parallel spacer arms for supporting said support structure at the front surfaces of said side rails of the ladder; and

wherein said side rail engaging means and said support structure are rigidly connected to said pair of parallel spacer arms.

2. (Previously Amended) The support attachment for a ladder as described in claim 1, wherein:

said support structure for supporting work implements comprises a U-shaped frame including parallel spaced side legs and a base leg extending between said side legs, said base leg joined to said pair of parallel spacer arms, and

a rectilinear spool support rod having opposed ends is releasably mounted to said side legs of said U-shaped frame;

whereby spools of wire can be rotatably mounted on said spool support rod at the front of the side rails of the ladder.

3. (Previously Amended) The support attachment of claim 2, wherein said U-shaped frame, said pair of parallel spacer arms and said side rail engaging means are of one piece construction.

4. (Original) The support attachment of claim 1, wherein:

said side rail engaging means comprises a rectilinear bar having opposed ends;

said step engaging means comprises a pair of substantially parallel bars extending from said rectilinear bar to said support structure, and

said support structure comprises a U-shaped frame having a base leg with opposed end portions, a pair of parallel side legs extending from the end portions of said base leg, and said base leg connected intermediate its end portions to said parallel bars of said step engaging means; and

a rectilinear spool support rod having opposed ends supported by said parallel side legs of said support structure.

5. (Previously Amended) The support attachment of claim 4, wherein said pair of parallel spacer arms, said side rail engaging means and said support structure occupy a common plane.
6. (Cancelled).
7. (Previously Amended) The support structure of claim 1, wherein said pair of parallel spacer arms, said side rail engaging means and said support structure define oppositely facing C-shaped recesses which register about the side rails of the step ladder.
8. (Previously Amended) The support structure of claim 1, wherein said pair of parallel spacer arms comprises a pair of substantially parallel spaced apart bars extending from said side rail engaging means for resting at spaced intervals on the step of the step ladder whereby said pair of parallel spacer arms maintains said support structure in a fixed attitude with respect to the step of the ladder on which said pair of parallel spacer arms rests.
9. (Previously Amended) A method for storing and dispensing spools of electrical wire on a wire caddy, wherein said wire caddy is comprised of a support bar connected to a pair of parallel spacer bars, said spacer bars further connected to a base leg having two parallel legs configured

at distal ends thereof and a spool support rod positioned between said parallel legs, comprising the steps of:

positioning said wire caddy on a ladder wherein said pair of parallel spacer bars rests upon a step of said ladder;

maintaining said wire caddy in a fixed, non-rotatable position by the engagement of said pair of parallel spacer bars on the step of the ladder;

suspending said spool support rod between said distal ends of said parallel legs;

securing said spool support rod to said distal end of each of said parallel legs with a suitable fastening means; and

mounting spools of wire onto said spool support rod such that said spools of wire project outwardly from said ladder.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of configuring said support bar, pair of spacer bars and base leg of said wire caddy so as to form oppositely facing C-shaped recesses, each for registering about a side rail of the ladder, and engaging each of the oppositely facing C-shaped recesses about a side rail of the ladder.

12. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the spool support rod is suspended between said parallel legs by positioning said spool support rod through openings in said distal ends of said parallel legs.

13. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein said securing step further includes positioning locking pins in opposing ends of said spool support rod.

14. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein said spools of wire are mounted onto said spool support rod comprising the steps of:

removing one end of said spool support rod from a secured position at the distal end of one of the parallel legs, disengaging said fastening means and sliding said spool support rod through an opening in said distal end of one of said parallel legs;

threading said spooled wire onto said spool support rod; and

securing said spool support rod back into position between said parallel legs.

15. (Previously Amended) A wire caddy attachable to a ladder, comprising:

a U-shaped frame having a base leg and opposed parallel legs mounted to said base leg;

a spool support rod supported at its ends by said parallel legs;

a support bar extending parallel to said base leg of said U-shaped frame;

a pair of spacer bars rigidly interconnecting said U-shaped frame to said support bar; and

said U-shaped frame, said support bar and said pair of spacer bars formed in a common plane,

whereby said pair of spacer bars engages the step of a ladder and said support bar is positioned on one side of the side rails of the ladder and said U-shaped frame is positioned on the

other side of the side rails of the ladder, and said pair of spacer bars maintains said wire caddy in a fixed, non-rotatable position on the ladder.

16. (Original) The wire caddy of claim 15, wherein the U-shaped frame is of rigid construction and has sufficient strength to support said wire caddy when fully-loaded with spooled wire.

17. (Original) The wire caddy of claim 15, wherein said spool support rod is secured between said parallel legs such that it does not inadvertently detach from said U-shaped frame during use.

18. (Original) The wire caddy of claim 17, further comprising spools of wire threaded onto said spool support rod such that said spools of wire are free to rotate about said spool support rod during use.

19. (Previously Amended) The wire caddy of claim 15, wherein said spacer bars extending from the support bar to said U-shaped frame are sized and spaced from each other to rest upon a step of the ladder.

20. (Previously Amended) The wire caddy of claim 19, further comprising spacer bars constructed and arranged so that when said spacer bars are placed on the step of the ladder said spool support rod is oriented horizontally and a spooled wire projects outwardly from said ladder.

21. (Previously Amended) The wire caddy of claim 15, wherein each end of said support bar is constructed and arranged so that the ends of the support bar engage a rear surface of a side rail of said ladder at a position directly above a step engaged by said spacer bars.

22. (Previously Amended) The wire caddy of claim 15, wherein said spacer bars are intermediately positioned from each distal end of said support bar and said base leg so as to define oppositely facing c-shaped recesses for engagement about a pair of side rails of the ladder.

23. (Cancelled).